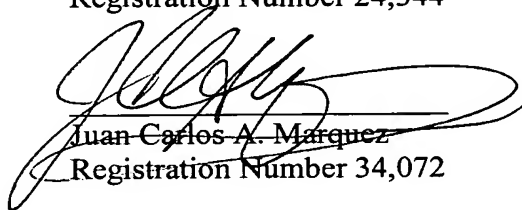


REMARKS

The above amendment to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 in view of the Notice of Allowability dated November 25, 2005. In view of the above amendment to correct the minor error in Claim 5, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue. No new matter has been added.

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